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Crime Notes 2011

April 4 – Police pulled a vehicle
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The driver was taken into custody
once police found that he had an
outstanding warrant for his arrest.

April 5 – A woman told police that
she had been punched in the face at the
Ke\$ha concert.

April 5 – A female student told
police that she had been receiving
phone calls from a woman she didn't
know. The unknown caller would
usually say, "I am going to come to
Wright State and get you."

April 6 – Police were called to
Oak Hall to do a welfare check on a
possible suicidal student.

April 7 – Police responded to a 911
hang-up call where a woman could
be heard screaming and referring to
a physical punch. After talking to
both people involved in the argument,
police found out that they were
fighting over a sandwich from the
Union Market.

April 7 – Police pulled over a silver
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stop at a stop sign on Loop Road.

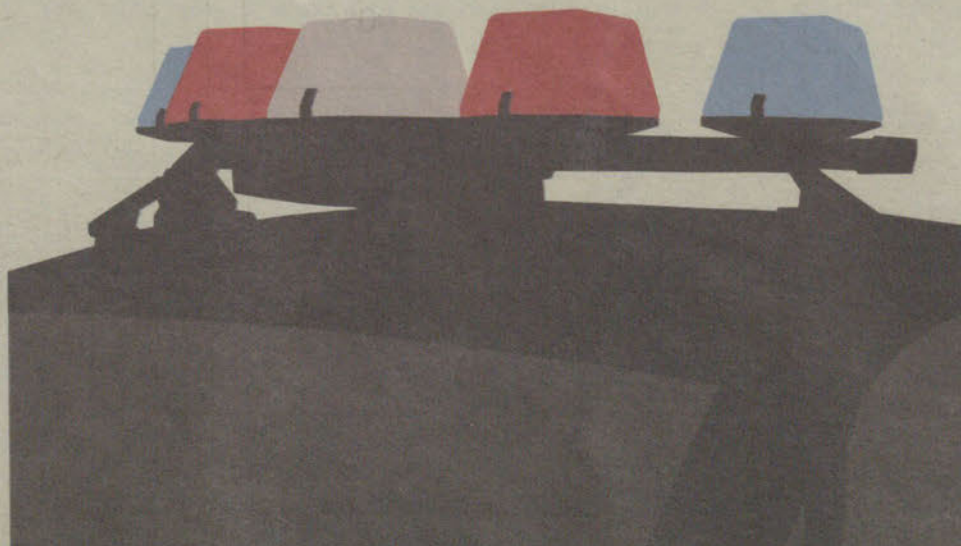
April 7 – A woman told police that
her ex-boyfriend, who was out of state,
was threatening to commit suicide
during a phone call.

April 8 – The rear window of a
red Honda Accord parked between
Russ and the Student Union had been
broken out.

April 8 – A woman told police that
her ex-boyfriend had stolen her cell
phone.

April 9 – Someone vandalized
a custodial break room in Oelman
Hall. Food had been taken out of the
refrigerator, computers were taken out
of their storage areas, and a computer
mouse was stolen.

April 9 – A man was arrested
for being drunk in his vehicle and
continuously honking his horn.



Non-white students report lack of support, says survey

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Higher percentages of non-whites or people of color feel that they do not have sufficient academic support, according to a survey released by WSU.

The first Student Cultural Assessment survey was conducted in October, 2010 by the Diversity and Inclusion Project.

According to the summary, academic support was defined as the perception of whether or not students receive the academic support they need to be successful in the classroom.

There were 1,382 students who took the survey. It was used to measure the perspectives of diversity and inclusion in the student body.

After freshman year, the percentage of black students concerned about this issue increases significantly. They tend to report a less welcoming and inclusive environment and indicate that the university has issues related to discrimination and harassment.

Black men, especially, have more concerns related to being valued, supported academically, respected and treated fairly, though not all agree.

"I disagree with that survey," said Marcus Curtis, a freshman majoring in Human Resource Management. "I think we have a few clubs for us, and I

think we all have the same chance."

"I see it every day, but that's just life," said Antoine Williams, a junior majoring in communications. "Campus can't do anything about it. It's just life. There's racism in the world. The campus can't make you like me. You can't judge me for my skin, you gotta judge me for me."

"Academically, I definitely feel like I get enough support," said Tesla DellaTorre, a freshman majoring in psychology. "There's so many different groups that support everything, so I don't know why anyone would feel like they have a problem."

"At like, College Park and University Park, we are discriminated against," said Aaron Stokes, a senior majoring in biomedical engineering. "With organizations that hold events on campus, we are discriminated against those things because they see us as a threat. If you see something like Project Runway that's coming up, and then see the same thing but from an African American organization, you'll see tons of police. The other one might have one, if that."

"I think it's false," said Allante Booker, a junior majoring in psychology. "I think a lot of African Americans aren't trying as hard as they can. They'd rather go party or something. Chill out in the Hangar. They're not putting the effort into their schooling."

White students are more likely to socialize primarily with others in their own social background and are less likely to make a conscious effort to build relationships with diverse students., according to the survey.

They tend to report less confidence in their skills in communicating with diverse students.

"When it comes to whites not trying to make relationships with other groups, I think that is true," said Kaelin Bowman, a freshman majoring in early childhood education. "As far as anyone not getting the same attention and fair treatment, I don't see that at all. I think it kind of goes both ways though, because it's not just white students."

"As an engineer, I have one black classmate, so it's kinda hard to break that barrier to talk to a white student," Stokes said. "I have to make jokes to make my way in there. It's kinda hard unless you know how to talk to people."

The survey showed that sexual orientation usually had few differences in the satisfaction rates or views expressed in the survey between heterosexual and GLTBQA students.

However, GLBTQA students were more likely to report observing or personally experiencing harassment or discrimination at Wright State.

"If they think they are, then they probably are," Williams said. "They

might be acting too gay. Just be you. They're trying to show their pride, but they draw too much attention to themselves. Just be you."

"They put discrimination on themselves," Curtis said. "Black people for instance, they put it on themselves sometimes with their pants sagging and talking foolish. You can't respect nothing like that. If you be yourself, that's all that matters."

"I disagree with that one," Bowman said. "I have a lot of friends from that category, and I've never heard from them about it, and I've never seen anything like that kind of stuff."

The survey included questions such as "I socialize mostly with students from my own cultural background," (46.2% agreeing) and "I have made a conscious effort to build relationships with diverse Wright State students," (65.5% agreeing).

"That's the difference between actually doing it and trying," Stokes said. "Everyone wants to be open-minded and clear, and when you come from where we did, where school was predominately African American, and you come here and you see white people, you'll probably want to hear from them and hear their story. We all have good intentions as people to talk to other races, but we're going to identify at the end of the day with people who look like us."

University of Dayton Student Body Demographic Statistics Fall 2008	Central State University Student Body Statistics 2010	Wright State Student Fact Book Student Body Demographic 2010
Male-Female Ratio Men: 3,586 (50.4%) Women: 3,529 (49.6%) Total: 7,115 (100%)	Male-Female Ratio Men: 1,104 (49.4%) Women: 1,131 (50.6%) Total: 2,235 (100%)	Male-Female Ratio Men: 8,871 (44.8%) Women: 10,922 (55.2%) Total: 19,793 (100%)
Ethnic Diversity African-American: 240 American Indian: 20 Asian/Pacific Islander: 75 Hispanic: 129 International: 115 Other: 79	Ethnic Diversity African American: 2,127 American Indian: 2 Asian American: 2 Caucasian: 43 Hispanic American: 16 International: 6 Multi-Racial: 2 Not Indicated: 37	Ethnic Diversity African American: 2,575 Asian: 513 Hispanic: 465
The survey is at: wright.edu/diversity/inclusion/survey_students.html		

Underground tunnels provide safety from spring storms

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April showers may bring May flowers, but April also brings a threat to the entire Miami Valley:

Tornado season.

Since 1970, tornados have been more prominent in the Buckeye State with more than 720 tornados, 126 fatalities and 2,983 injuries recorded.

Wright State is considered a "storm ready" university. One big advantage WSU has compared to other universities is the underground tunnel system.

"It's a huge advantage in having the tunnel system here at WSU," said Emergency Management Administrator Mike Coons "Having them all connected gives us a greater range in having students seek shelter."

There are several basics to look out for when abrupt weather changes occur this spring. If the National Weather Service issues a Tornado Watch, begin

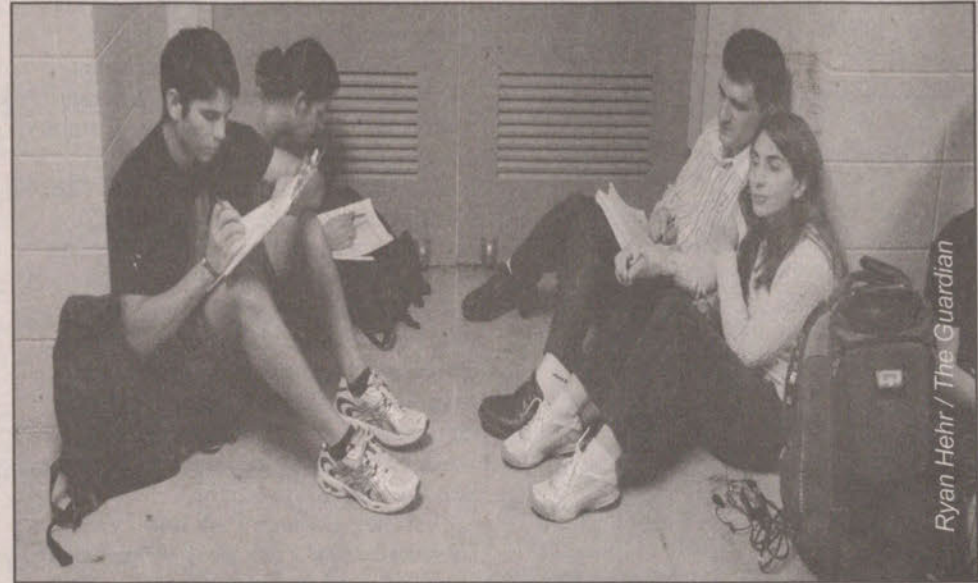
to take notice to the weather. Listen to a radio station that has NWS wire service (examples such as WMMX 107.7 or WHIO 1290 AM in Dayton).

If a Tornado Warning is issued, seek shelter immediately. While seeking shelter, remember to lie flat, face down and cover up.

To prevent any chaos or lack of knowledge on where to go if a tornado warning has been issued, emergency management reminds people to be familiar with the designated shelters. The best kinds of shelters to take cover in are basements, tunnels, in the core of buildings or even in restrooms. Avoid being near windows, glass doors or glass fixtures if necessary.

"I think students know where to go if in fact a tornado were to hit our campus, things would get done," said Freshman Elizabeth George.

To check out information about tornado safety as well as seeing shelter maps, go to www.wright.edu/em for all the safety tips.



WSU students wait out a tornado warning in the tunnels during spring 2010.

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Signs of a Tornado

- Strong, persistent rotation in the cloud base.
- Whirling dust or debris on the ground under a cloud base
- Hail or heavy rain followed by either dead calm or a fast, intense wind shift.
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- 6) Not be under conduct probation or other disciplinary action

Application packets can be obtained in the following locations:

- 1) University Hall, Room 250
- 2) Office of Student Activities, 019 Student Union
- 3) Student Government Office, 029H Student Union

ASA fundraises for Japan relief

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It's been a month since a 9.0 magnitude earthquake and tsunami shook Japan.

WSU's Asian Student Association has started a fundraiser to bring relief to those affected by this disaster.

"The Asian Student Association started the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Relief last week by staffing a table in Millett Atrium seeking monetary donations from students, faculty and staff," said Mai Nguyen, director of the Asian Hispanic and Native American Center (AHNA).

On day one, the AHNA Center collected \$120 after only two hours.

"Everyone has been very generous," Nguyen said.

Nguyen said that students can get involved by helping staff the table to collect donations. "Our students try to

man the table in between classes but if we have more manpower, we will be able to collect more donations," Nguyen said.

The money that is raised will be sent to the Consulate of Japan in Detroit.

The AHNA Center hosts a workshop teaching people to make origami cranes to donate to OshKosh B'Gosh in West Chester. For every crane brought in, the store will donate one clothing item to Japan. The workshop is from noon until 1 p.m. daily in the AHNA Center through April 21, 2011.

"According to the Japanese culture, if you make 1,000 cranes, your wish will be granted," Nguyen said. "We hope to make at least 1,000 cranes for the OshKosh B'Gosh project and as our wish for Japan to quickly recover from the earthquake and tsunami devastation."



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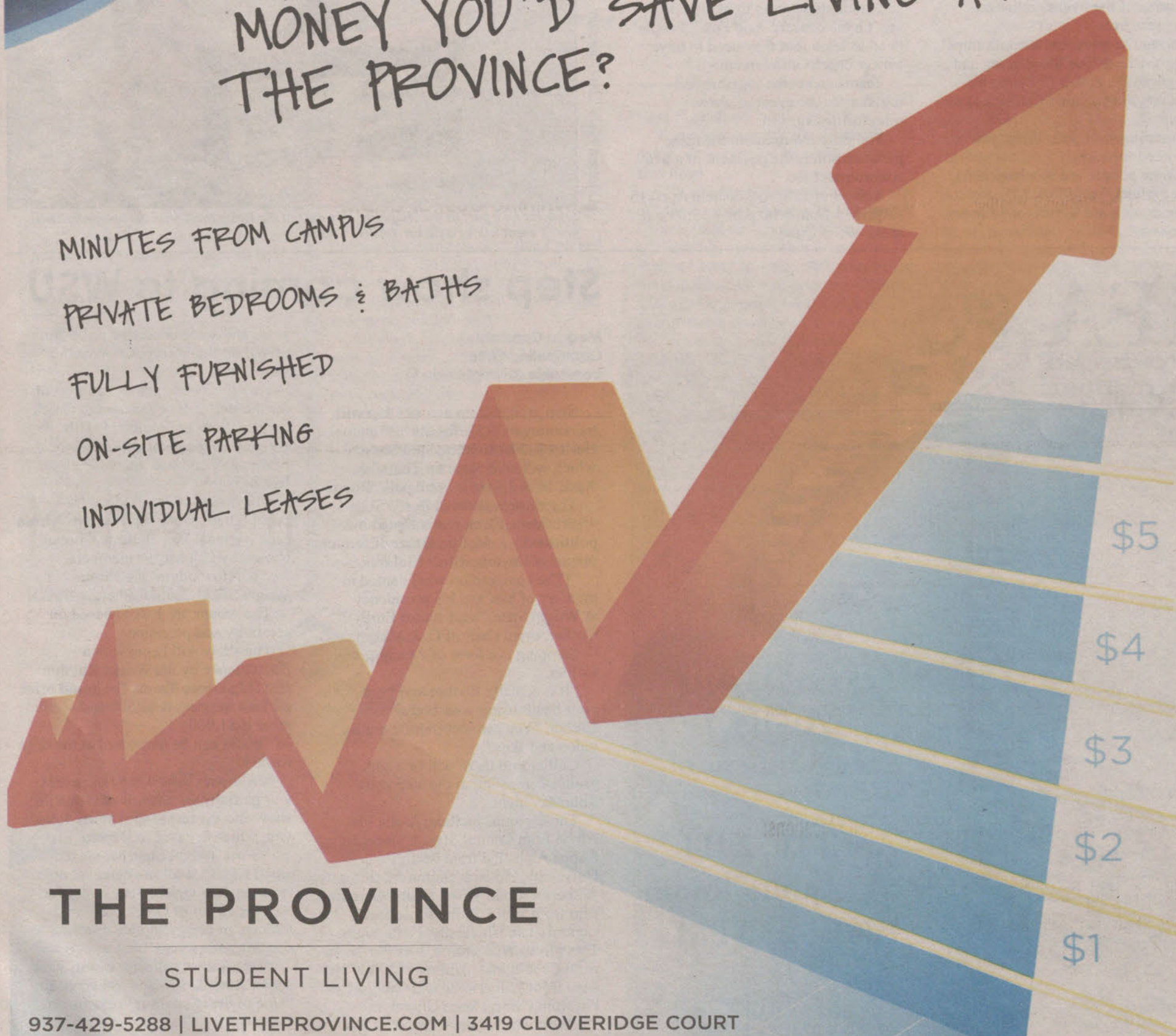
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Get ready for Relay for Life

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The American Cancer Society will bring their Relay for Life event back to WSU on April 15 and 16.

"It's like a big party," said Kellie Fox, treasurer of Colleges Against Cancer.

Relay for Life is an 18-24 hour fund and awareness raising event, sponsored by the American Cancer Society with organizational help from Colleges Against Cancer.

Teams sign up to participate in the daylong event and encourage donations on behalf of their participation. All funds donated during the course of the event go towards cancer research.

During the relay, each team camps out for the length of the evening and throughout the entire 18 hours, has someone going around the track at all times.

If running isn't your thing, you don't need to worry.

"Some people are in wheelchairs, so they wheel," said Fox. "Some people don't want to run for 18 hours, so they walk."

Each year Relay For Life comes to WSU, there is a theme.

This year's theme is "Disney."

"We encourage our teams to dress up like characters from the Disney movies," said Fox.

This adds an extra element of fun for all those who come out for donations and support.

For those not participating in the actual relay, there are many other activities that coincide with the relay. Each team has an event and throughout the entire day there will be new events every half-hour.

Examples of previous activities include dancing, karaoke, scavenger hunts and dunk tanks.

"Students seem to think that they can't have cancer," said Fox. "People need to learn that they need to have cancer checks and screenings."

Teams can come together and register for the event at www.relayforlife.org/wsu.

The only requirement for team participation is the payment of a \$10 commitment fee.

Relay For Life will be held April 15 - April 16 from 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the WSU Quad.



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Students take part in the shopping cart race at the Relay for Life event last year. This year's event will be held on April 15 and 16.

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Step show coming to WSU

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Step groups from across Ohio will be coming to WSU for the 12th annual Harley E. Flack Greek Step Show, which will take place on Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m. in the Apollo Room.

The show is named after WSU's 4th president. Flack was adopted by politician C. J. McLin, father of former mayor of Dayton, Rhine McLin.

"[The competition was] named in memory of him and his presidency at Wright State," said senior Emily Collier, event chair of C. J. McLin.

Stepping is a form of dancing, said Collier.

"It is actually rhythm and beats with your hands using your body," said Collier. "You can incorporate music, video and skits."

Collier said there will be eight groups competing in the step show Thursday night.

Those groups include, Alpha Phi Alpha from Central State University, Kappa Alpha Psi from Miami University, Phi Beta Sigma from Wilberforce and WSU, Sigma Gamma Rho from WSU, Wilberforce and Central State University, Delta Sigma Theta from Wilberforce, Iota Phi Theta from Central State University, Zeta Phi Beta from Wilberforce and Omega Psi Phi from Central State University.

"We contacted them based on past

years and some contacted us because of Wright State's reputation of the show," said Collier.

Any group on campus can sign up for the step show even though Greek organizations are preferred. This is based on the competition being historically and nationally Greek based.

The competition is judged by a panel. There is one representative from each National Pan-Hellenic Council chosen by C.J. McLin members.

"All [the judges] are alumni [of Wright State]," said Collier.

The groups are judged based on creativity and precision.

The show will begin with a performance by the Wright Rhythm Hip Hop Dance Team. The grand prize for best steppers is \$1,500 and second prize is \$1,000.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15.

The money raised from the event will partially go towards next year's show and the rest to the charity Reach Out, which is based in Dayton.

"Since Wright State has such a small NPHC, it allows other schools to come give Wright State a feel for another aspect of Greek life," said Collier. "It brings another dynamic to campus once a year."

"This is a very diverse event," said senior Antonio Jones, event co-chair. "One of the most diverse events on campus."

Student helps to end hunger in Dayton

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Adam French, a Mechanical Engineering student at WSU, is going beyond donating canned goods to help the hungry.

He is in the process of developing a garden to grow produce.

"Right now I'm developing some garden sights at Faircreek Church," said French.

There will be onions, peas, kale and other vegetables grown in the garden. The produce will either be donated or sold.

The proceeds will go to those in need.

French got involved with feeding the hungry while in high school. He was part of the National Honors Society and helped with a canned food drive.

He then became very passionate about helping others.

Along with gardening to help others, French enjoys the outdoor aspect of it as well.

"It's important because there's opportunity for getting outside without having to drive to a park," said French.

For information about how to get involved, visit www.feedayton.org or contact the Miami Valley Regional Center For Sustainability.

WSU percussionist chosen for music institute in North Carolina

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The Brevard Music Center is a prestigious summer institute and festival that lies in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina.

Every year, about 400 students from all over the world get the chance to perform and study there. Of the seven percussionists selected this year, Ben Kipp, a music performance major here at WSU, is one of them.

"I auditioned, and I thought I was never going to get it," said Kipp. "I auditioned for a couple of different places, but knew that if I got into Brevard, hands down, I had to go."

Although Kipp is a well practiced percussionist now, drums, bells and timpanis were not always his specialty.

"I used to play trombone, I played for four years, said Kipp. "I grew up in Chicago, and when we moved out into the country, I switched to percussion. I just told the band director that I played percussion. So I just started from there, took lessons, did the marching band stuff in high school, drum corps, indoor percussion stuff."

Although he didn't get caught for passing himself off as a percussionist initially, Kipp said the band director did eventually find out through his parents.

Before changing his major to music performance, Kipp was initially a music education major.

"I really enjoy teaching a lot," said Kipp. "I used to be music education, but I switched to performance. The whole band directing thing freaked me out for a while, but I still do enjoy

teaching."

While at WSU, Kipp also became involved with the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra through his percussion instructor.

"My teacher is Jerry Noble, the director of percussion, and he plays in there [Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra]," said Kipp. "Some things just lined up, people had to go out of town, so I started playing in the concert band. I got called in at the last minute for a few concerts, and things

However, he said he is looking forward to spending some time with students from around the world.

"There's always kids from China, Taiwan or the west coast, so it will be nice to share stories and get to see other people play," said Kipp.

While Kipp is already developing a solid career as a percussionist, he is looking forward to Brevard opening some doors for him.

"People know Brevard, it's a solid name, and you make a lot of connections," he said. "You're playing with people in a section for the entire summer, and you get to know them, they get to know your playing, and the professors there could potentially lead you to grad school."

- Ben Kipp

went from there."

There are a variety of universities being represented at Brevard this year, said Kipp.

"There's the Cleveland Institute of Music, one of those guys is going, Cleveland State, it's kind of funny, all these big music schools and then Wright State," he said. "It's nice being the underdog. We all hear the rumors, 'Wright State, wrong college', but people don't know what to expect, and it's nice to go into it like that."

At Brevard, Kipp said he's looking forward to spending his time in private lessons, playing percussion ensemble pieces and performing chamber music.

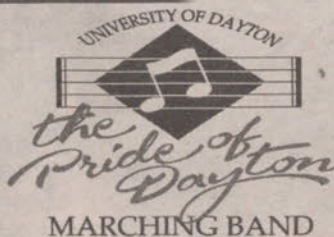
"It's basically six weeks of professional development," he said.

As for inspiration, while he grew up listening to Dave Matthews Band and Rush, he draws a lot of inspiration from those around him.

"It's always very cool to see a lot of the students grow and get better," he said. "The other people in the percussion studio here, we all grow very close and push each other forward."

Kipp also said that he owes a lot to his teacher, Jerry Noble, not only for the help he has received but for what Noble has done for the program as a whole.

"It's so hard to be in music, just like in journalism, you have to make it what it is," said Kipp. "No one is going to come along and give you a job or a gig, you have to go after it."



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Ben Kipp was one of only seven percussionists selected in the country to attend the Brevard Music Center.

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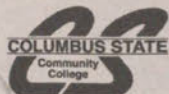
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Baseball beats Miami, wins eighth straight game

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The month of April has been kind
to the baseball team.

Since the 0-4 start the Raiders
have gone 19-5 bringing their current
record to 19-9, with a 5-1 record in the
Horizon League.

WSU swept Le Moyne in Syracuse,
NY this weekend from Friday, April 8
to Sunday, April 10 by scores of 19-8,
16-9 and 7-0.

The winning would continue as
the Raiders defeated Miami, 5-2 in
their first game in the Joe Nuxhall
Classic on Tuesday, April 12, at Marge
Schott Stadium at the University of
Cincinnati.

Playing at Nitchwitz Stadium has
jump-started the Raider offense, as the
ball club has been striving for their
long ball efforts.

The Raiders have 17 home runs this
season. Through the first 25 games of
the season they hit five home runs. In
the Le Moyne series, they hit 12.

WSU has scored in double figures
seven times and five times during
the current streak. The Raiders have
protected their home stadium well,
and are now 10-1 at home so far this

year.

Jake Hibberd has led the power
attack so far this year by smashing
four home runs, at a team leading
slugging percentage of .552. Hibberd
is tied or leads the team in five hitting
categories.

The first baseman has a .376 batting
average, 19 runs, 47 hits, 10 doubles,
and 26 RBI.

Zach Tanner leads the Raiders in
runs scored with 25; he's currently
tied for second on the team in hits
with 38 and a slugging percentage of
.500. Sam Picchiotti is also tied for
second with 38 hits.

Dan Marsh had a .333 average with
7 stolen bases in 10 attempts, and a
team leading .470 OBP.

Triston Moore is third with a .490
slugging percentage, Ryan Ashe had
23 runs scored and five stolen bases.
Corey Davis is tied for the team lead
in home runs, and leads the team with
11 doubles.

There are currently eight Raiders
batting at least .300 or better.

On Wednesday, April 13, the
Raiders will continue play in the Joe
Nuxhall Classic. The Raiders will
face a doubleheader when they take
on Cincinnati at 3 p.m. and Xavier at
6:30 p.m.



Chelsea Hall / The Guardian

WSU baseball has now won eight straight after a 5-2 victory over the Miami Redhawks
on Tuesday, April 12, in the Joe Nuxhall Classic at the University of Cincinnati. The
Raiders continue play in the tournament on Wednesday, April 13.

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Softball brings out bats, clubs Green Bay in weekend series



Junior catcher Lindsay Barrett hit well against Green Bay over the weekend of April 9 and 10. She went 5-12, adding six RBI in the sweep over the Phoenix which put the Raiders at the top of the standings in the Horizon League.

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Overview: Softball swept Green Bay over the weekend in a series that was supposed to be played at Green Bay. Due to their field being covered in snow still, the Phoenix traveled to Wright State, where they were the home team at WSU Softball Field. It was the second straight sweep over a league opponent this season so far for the Raiders. The three-game set which began on Saturday, April 9 and concluded on Sunday, April 10, saw the Raiders victorious by scores of 5-2, 5-2 and 8-1. With the sweep, it put the Raiders in first place overall in the Horizon League.

Key Players: Junior catcher Lindsay Barrett had an impressive weekend. She went 5-12 in the Green Bay series and added six RBI. Molly Berry, a senior outfielder, went 3-7 and added three RBI. Chelsea Contant, a sophomore pitcher picked up two wins over the weekend, only giving up one run and nine hits in eight innings pitched.

Stats: There are five Raiders who have had 30 or more at bats hitting over .300 for the season so far. As a

team, WSU is hitting .280 and holding their opponents to .258. On the mound, the Raiders hold a 3.02 ERA combined for all pitchers.

Quote: "We just got to keep on being aggressive, attack every pitch they give us, lay off their junk, keep working hard at what we're doing and we'll be fine. As long as we continue to be aggressive and playing our softball by doing what we were taught to do, we'll be fine." Senior infielder Justine Shilt

Record: WSU improved their record to 18-16 overall and 7-2 in the Horizon League with the wins over the weekend. For the month of April, the Raiders are currently 6-2, prior to their matchup at Ball State on Tuesday, April 12.

Up Next: The Raiders played at Ball State on Tuesday, April 12 and lost 9-0. WSU hosts Miami on Wednesday, April 13 for a 5 p.m. matchup. Softball will then hit the road for a six-game road stand with league foes Valparaiso and Loyola beginning on Wednesday, April 20. WSU will then face a pivotal three-game set at home against Butler which begins on Tuesday, April 26 and concludes on Wednesday, April 27.

Dayton Dutch Lions add five Raiders to roster

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The success of the Wright State women's soccer team isn't going unnoticed.

Five women from the team have signed to play with the Dayton Dutch Lions, a United Soccer League W-League team, which will play its games throughout the summer.

The W-League is the second highest level of soccer for women, which allows collegiate players to play with international players in a developmental league without disrupting their collegiate eligibility.

This is the first year of the Lions' women's team, which makes the opportunity even more exciting for the women.

"It's always exciting to get the opportunity to be a part of a new program," said senior mid-fielder Jen Agueci. "When I tried out, I saw that they [Dayton Dutch Lions] had a neat vision. It's just exciting to get to be one of the first players in the program."

The four players joining Agueci to play with the Dutch Lions are junior

forward Morgan Butler, freshman mid-fielder Sarah Gross, freshman goalkeeper Brooke McCurdy, and junior mid-fielder Brittany Persaud.

The women agree that the opportunity to play with different teammates, under a different coach, against stronger competition, and under a different style of play will be the key to helping them grow as players.

Over 100 women tried out for the team back in February. It was an open tryout, though the Lions did send out scouts to do some recruiting in the area.

"This is a great opportunity for the players," said Wright State Head Coach Pat Ferguson. "The opportunity to play in a summer league is limited for college players, and they will play in the best division in the league."

The Lions play in the National Division of the USL's Eastern Conference. Their season begins May 14 when they travel to Atlanta and.

"[This opportunity] will help me grow mentally and physically," Butler said. "I'll be excited to come back [in the fall] to demonstrate how I've grown."



Agueci



Butler



Gross



McCurdy



Persaud

Five members of the women's soccer team were chosen to play with the Dayton Dutch Lions, a professional soccer team. The team plays in a league which allows collegiate players to participate in without interfering with their eligibility.

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Softball singing a tune to bring back tradition, finds team chemistry



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If you told any member of the softball team you'd give them \$100 if they could sing the WSU fight song, you might as well start writing that check out.

After the Raiders 8-1 game two victory over Green Bay on Sunday, April 10, the entire team walked over to home plate, proudly looked to the crowd and sang in unison, the fight song of WSU, finished off by the 'R-A-I-D-E-R-S, raiders are best' that before this season, seemed to only echo at the Nutter Center.

Apparently, those echoes have turned louder at the WSU Softball Field.

Although they only sing the fight song at home games only, a sense of tradition has been instilled in every team member.

"I had a meeting with the captains and we talked a little bit about traditions and that's one thing they wanted to start doing," said Head Coach Lynn Curylo. "They [captains] wanted to bring the tradition of the fight song back. It started with them [team] learning it at the basketball

games this year. Now it's carried over to the field."

Second baseman and senior Justine Shilt, who is one of the captains of the team, contributes not only the tradition at Wright State but the closeness of the group as well. Last season, the team made the NCAA Tournament after defeating Cleveland State in the Horizon League tournament and Shilt feels this is the best team chemistry she has ever seen.

The team also has overcome plenty of adversity in the offseason, which may have added to the tight team chemistry that has been shown on and off the field.

When former Head Coach Linda Garza left unexpectedly last fall, it was the upper classmen who embraced each other and the underclassmen prior to Curylo's arrival.

Now, the team has moved on with the same winning attitude from last season but more tight-knit.

"I don't really think about the past too much with last year," said Shilt. "As long as we're focusing on one game at a time, doing those things we talk about and being successful at them, we're going to win games."

"Every girl brings something different to the table to help bring each other up as a team and I think that's great"

WSU senior infielder Justine Shilt

That's what we kind of work for is just focusing on one game at a time."

Whether it's team dinners, hanging out off the field or watching the teams latest craze of the 30 for 30 ESPN documentaries on the bus during road trips, the team stays connected on and off the field.

"I was a little nervous but our team chemistry is so good right now," said Shilt. "We're known for hitting and watching us this fall we were an outstanding hitting team. I was impressed. I knew right there it was going to take a lot to knock us away

and knock us down and make us lose."

Their bats may do the talking on the field, but afterwards the girls sing in unison. Much like their play on the field, they are perfectly in sync with everything they do.

This weekend against Green Bay was just another example of team chemistry coming together. Not one player really stood out over the weekend.

Whether it be sophomore pitcher Chelsea Contant coming in to grab two wins on Saturday, April 9 and Sunday, April 10 or the ability to rely on other players to fill in at other positions when needed, it truly was the dependability of everyone to jump to first place in the Horizon League.

"Every girl brings something different to the table to help bring each other up as a team and I think that's great," said Shilt.

From a team that lost seven seniors and savored the appearance at an NCAA tournament, they could do it all again. Being as close together as Shilt says, that could lead to better things for them on the horizon.

Oh, and they can sing too.

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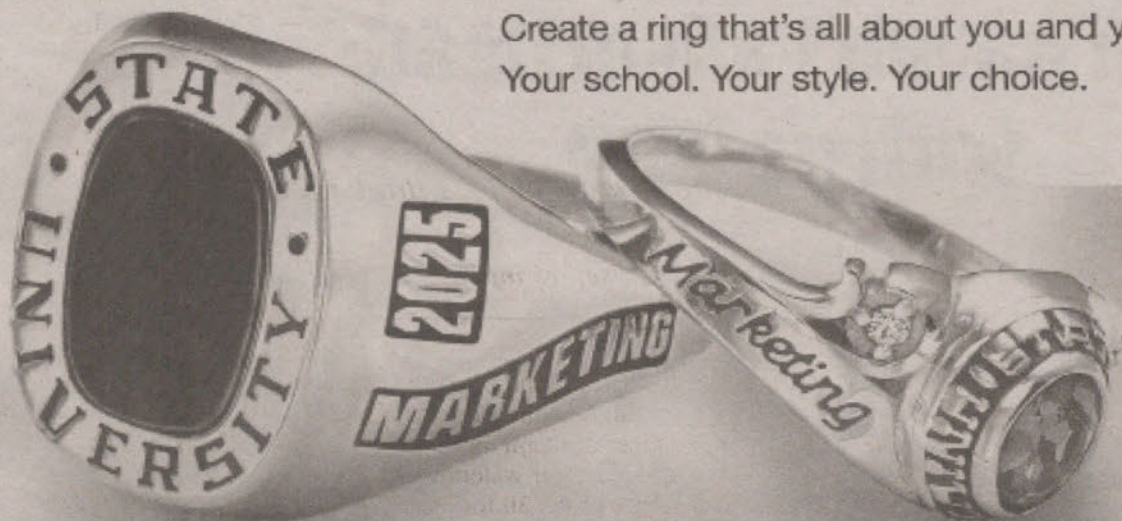
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